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FACT SHEET

March 2014

THATCHER BROOK, GOWANDA – NY

Small Flood Control Projects

Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- In the village of Gowanda, Erie County, NY approximately 29 miles south of the City of Buffalo, NY

Project Description

- A Flood Risk Management study will identify measures to reduce the impacts of future flood events
- The initial phase of the Feasibility Study has determined a positive Federal interest
- A Feasibility Study will formulate and evaluate measures to reduce the future impacts of flooding
- Feasibility phase is cost-shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal

- Design and Implementation is cost-shared 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal

Importance

- Continual overbank flooding of Thatcher Brook causes damages to residences and commercial businesses in Gowanda
- Severe flooding in 1998 and 2006 led to previous requests for Section 205 assistance. Severe flooding in August 2009 resulted in a Federal disaster declaration and reaffirmed the need for a flood damage reduction project

Consequences

- If a project is not pursued, Gowanda will continue to incur financial damages and threats to life and safety resulting from flood events

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY13	FY14 Requirement	FY14 Budget	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Budget
Feasibility ¹	\$1,322k	\$100k	\$50k	\$0k	\$150k	\$0

(1) First \$100k is at 100% Federal expense.

Project Sponsor/Customer

- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) through a letter dated 31 October 2012
- The village of Gowanda, NY through a letter of request dated May 6, 2010

Congressional Interests

- Representative Tom Reed R-NY-23
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY

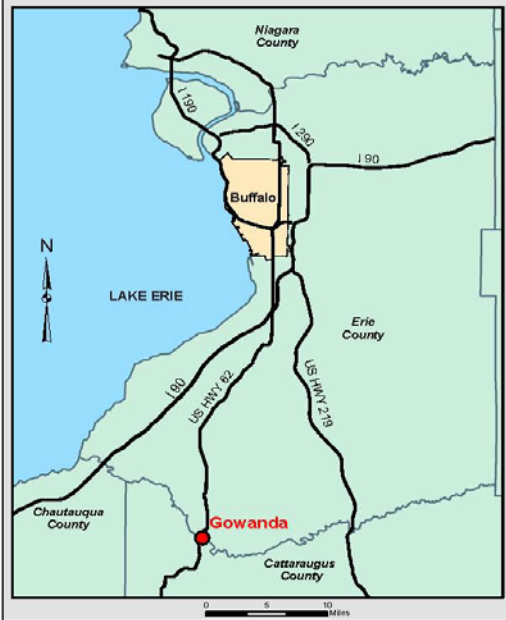
Current Status

- The Determination of Federal Interest fact sheet was approved in March 2011
- The Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) is being routed through NYSDEC and is in the process of being executed
- It is anticipated the FCSA will be executed by March 31, 2014
- Once executed, funding will be requested to continue feasibility phase efforts

Issues

- None

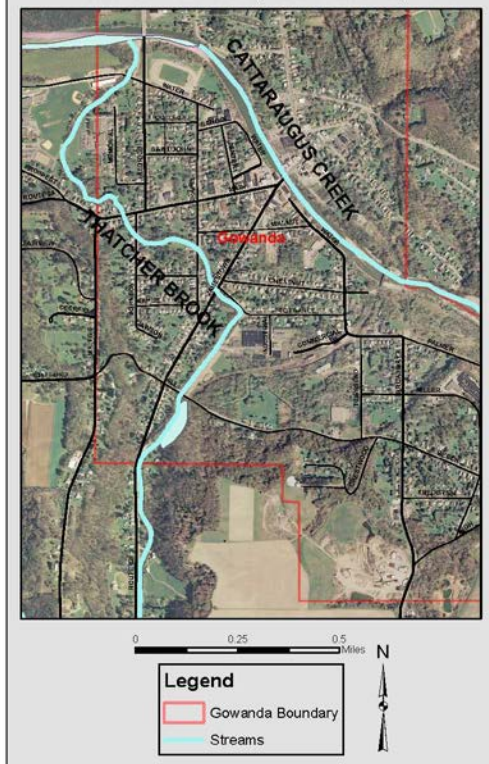
Gowanda, NY Vicinity Map



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Thatcher Brook, Gowanda, NY



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